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Neues Lager

1. The Neues Lager was occupied to capacity on 18 June 1950. All windows were illuminated in the evening. The troops at the installation wore: red-bordered black epaulets, some without insignia and others with tank, radio or motor transport insignia; black epaulets; blue-bordered black epaulets; red-bordered green epaulets; and black-bordered red epaulets.

2. Artillery and small-arms firing was heard daily from the direction of the troop training grounds.

3. Four JS-2 tanks entered the installation.

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 Tank flew a triangular, light-blue pennant of sheet metal. Truck carried about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and towed an AA gun resembling the German 88-mm gun.

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Altes Lager

5. The Altes Lager housed 400 to 700 troops. Troops were daily engaged in the maintenance of motor vehicles rather than in systematic training activity. Soldiers wearing: red-bordered black epaulets, some without insignia and others with tank, artillery, radio and motor transport insignia; and black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, were seen passing through the gate.

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Nachrichtenschule

7. The former Nachrichtenschule has been heavily occupied by 1,200 to 1,400 troops since mid-May 1950. Soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and others with radio and motor transport insignia. A few officers wearing red-bordered green epaulets were seen. About 60 percent of the EM were 17 to 19 years of age and about 40 percent 24 to 28 years of age.
8. Groups of soldiers were frequently seen leaving the Nachrichtenschule for combat training and firing with live ammunition in the Pulsnitz Valley. The training in May and June 1950 emphasized the attack on enemy lines, with the troops stopping a short distance from the line before penetrating it. Other troops practiced with three guns

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* Comment. The report confirms all elements of the First Gds Mecz Army as being in field training in the Koenigsbrueck area.

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